

wherein said conductive section is formed of a first conductive layer and a second conductive layer insulated each other,

wherein said operating section has a ring-shaped protruded section and a knob, and the protruded section is spaced from an upper surface of the flexible insulating substrate at a given distance, and the knob is held to be able to tilt in an arbitrary direction with respect to a center of a lower surface of said operating section,

wherein a voltage is applied to the plurality of electrodes,

wherein when the knob tilts, the protruded section bends a part of the flexible insulating substrate, so that said resistance element layer comes in contact with one of the first conductive layer and the second conductive layer for conduction.

21. (Amended) The electronic apparatus of claim 12,

wherein said multidirectional input device further comprises a switch at a center of said resistance element layer of the insulating substrate,

wherein the plane substrate is formed of the conductive metal substrate incorporating an output terminal, and the output terminal is routed to outside, and the plane substrate is fixed to the casing,

wherein a conductive resilient leg fixed to the casing comes resiliently in contact with a terminal of said resistance element layer,

wherein the insulating substrate has an aperture corresponding to a center of said resistance element layer,

wherein a switch corresponding to the aperture is disposed at a place on the plane substrate,

wherein said resistance element layer has not less than three electrodes,

wherein said operating section can tilt, slide and move downward, so that said resistance element layer partially comes in contact with the plane substrate by one of tilting said operating section and sliding said operating section, and a voltage is applied alternately to input

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terminals of the casing corresponding to the resilient legs, the voltage is thus applied to said resistance element layer,

wherein an operating direction is detected by the signal, so that one of a cursor and an icon moves, then a predetermined item is selected using a switch signal from the switch obtained by pushing said operating section.

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